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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1-6, 9-10, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huynh US 6317172.

Regarding claim 1, Huynh teaches an electronic device comprising: a parinted circuit board including a ground layer (fig. 1 element M), a liquid crystal display module (4) disposed on the printed circuit board, a surrounding portion (2), an anti-ESD wire (9) disposed on the surrounding portion, wires of the display module (5-l) are schemed between the anti ESD wire and the central portion, and the first contact is coupled to the anti-ESD module (7) so that ESD in the LCD module is ground via the anti-ESD wire and the first contact, and a controller disposed on the PCB and coupled to the LCD display module for resetting at a predetermined interval

Regarding claim 2, the reference shows a first wire connecting the first contact (7) to the ground (MF).

Regarding claim 3, the reference shows the LCD module includes a plurality of second contacts and the first contact is located outside of the second contacts (5-l).

Regarding claim 4, the reference shows a second wire connecting one of the second contacts and the controller (see wire 5-i).

Regarding claim 5, the reference shows the central portion being the LCDM (4).

Regarding claim 6, the reference shows the surrounding portion of the LCDM is a circuit layout region of the LCDM (see fig. 1).

Regarding claims 9 and 13, Huynh teaches an ESD method/machine readable storage medium for an electronic device comprising a printed circuit board including a ground layer (fig. 1 element M), a liquid crystal display module (4) disposed on the printed circuit board, a surrounding portion (2), an anti-ESD wire (9) disposed on the surrounding portion, wires of the display module (5-1) are schemed between the anti ESD wire and the central portion, and the first contact is coupled to the anti-ESD module (7) so that ESD in the LCD module is ground via the anti-ESD wire and the first contact, and a controller disposed on the PCB and coupled to the LCD display module at a predetermined interval. The limitation of "predetermined" interval does not impose any sort of fixed interval therefore the predetermined interval is considered whenever Huynh's device is reset.

Regarding claims 10 and 14, the limitation of returning a level of the liquid crystal display is met because the "predetermined level" is an arbitrary amount therefore the predetermined level is considered to be the reset state of the display of Huynh.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7, 11, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huynh in view of Kim US 5517342.

Regarding claims 7, 11 and 15, Huynh teaches all the limitations of claims 7, 11, and 15 except an ITO wiring. Kim teaches ITO as a replacement for traditional aluminum wiring for display applications such as LCDs because of its transparency (column 5 lines 10-15). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply ITO wiring in display application because of its transparency.

Claims 8, 12, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huynh in view of Yuuki et al US 6181071.

Regarding claim 8 and 12 and 16, Park and Cha disclose all the limitations of the claim except wire widths of .15 mm to .35 mm. Yuuki discloses a wire with of .1 mm - 1 mm to serve as a shield against electromagnetic waves (See column 8 lines 22-30). The MPEP section 2144.01 states In the case where the claimed ranges "overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art" a prima facie case of obviousness exists. In re Wedheim, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to use wire widths of .15 to .35 mm to serve as electromagnetic shielding.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu Vu whose telephone number is (571)-272-1562.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571)-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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